



Fulfilling America's Future: *Bright Spots in Hispanic Education*

The White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics (Initiative) is working to increase educational opportunities, improve educational outcomes, and deliver a complete and competitive education for all Hispanics. Through our outreach and engagement with stakeholders and communities across the nation, we have found that solutions to key educational challenges exist and are producing tangible and positive outcomes for our community. As Hispanics continue to make progress from cradle-to-career, it is ever more important that we identify and highlight asset-based, solution-oriented innovations that are helping close the achievement gap for Latinos. The Initiative will recognize *Bright Spots in Hispanic Education (Bright Spots)* supporting and/or ensuring access to a quality, well-rounded education for Hispanics.

Bright Spots are programs, models, organizations, or initiatives that target, address, and/or invest in key education priorities for Hispanics and are helping close the achievement gap – from cradle to career. The Initiative acknowledges that identifying and implementing strategies and solutions that aim to support Hispanic students in their academic careers is critical to ensuring their success, and ultimately the nation's. The Initiative also seeks to leverage these *Bright Spots* to encourage collaboration between stakeholders focused on similar issues in sharing data-driven approaches, promising practices, peer advice, and effective partnerships, ultimately resulting in increased support for the educational attainment of the Hispanic community.

Bright Spots Criteria

Proposed *Bright Spots* will be selected and recognized based on the following criteria:

- **Target:** Is the target audience for the program Hispanic? Are a significant number of students served by this program or model Hispanic? Do the practices in place impact Hispanic students and families?
- **Focus:** Does the proposed *Bright Spot* support key educational priorities: Early Learning, College Access, College Completion, STEM education, Latino Teacher Recruitment?
- **Impact:** Has the proposed *Bright Spot* increased educational outcomes for Hispanic students?
- **Measurable:** Does the proposed *Bright Spot* demonstrate an evidence-based approach? Is the Bright Spot based on data-driven solutions? Are there measurable goals that evaluate the effectiveness of the *Bright Spot*? Does the proposed *Bright Spot* have data to prove its success and impact?

Recognition

All selected *Bright Spots* will receive recognition throughout the Initiative's outreach and communications and will be added to the *Bright Spots in Hispanic Education* national online catalog.

Submitting a Bright Spot Nomination

Provide information on the proposed *Bright Spot* based on the questions listed in the *Bright Spots in Hispanic Education Nomination Form*. Please submit the nomination via email or hard copy.

Email the Nomination Form to WHIEEH@ed.gov with subject line "Bright Spot Nomination" or submit a hard copy to the following address: White House Initiative on Educational Excellence For Hispanics; c/o Bright Spot; 400 Maryland Ave. S.W., Room 4W108; Washington, D.C. 20202

Bright Spot nominations will be approved on an ongoing basis.

Initiative staff will review the nominated *Bright Spots* on an ongoing basis based on the criteria described in the Bright Spots Criteria section of this document. Initiative staff may contact you with additional questions, to provide feedback and/or inform you whether the proposed *Bright Spot* has been selected.

By submitting a Bright Spot in Hispanic Education (Bright Spot) nomination (which includes the associated nomination form), the entrant (Nominator) agrees to the Nomination guidelines and these terms and conditions:

Number of Entries: There is no limit to the number of entries submitted per person.

Finalist Selection and Notification: Nominations will be reviewed by White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics (Initiative) staff. The decisions of the staff on all matters relating to the Bright Spots are final. The Initiative will not consider any nomination that does not adhere to these guidelines or proposes a plan that would result in a violation of Federal law, regulation, or the policies of the U.S. Department of Education (ED), or the Initiative. Selected Bright Spots will be notified via email and/or phone call.

Copyright/Original Work: Each Nominator represents and warrants that he or she is the sole author and owner of the submitted materials (including the nomination) that represents the Bright Spot; that the nomination is wholly original to the Nominator (or is an improved version of an existing work that the Nominator has sufficient rights to use and to authorize others (including ED) to use); and that the Nominator does not infringe any copyright or any other rights of any third party. Each Nominator also warrants that the submission is free of malware.

Intellectual Property Rights: By providing a Bright Spot and nomination to ED, each Nominator grants to ED an irrevocable, paid-up, royalty-free, non-exclusive worldwide license to use, copy, distribute to the public, create derivative works from, link to, and display publicly (on the Internet or otherwise) the submitted Bright Spot (including the associated nomination materials). All Nominators will retain all other intellectual property rights over themselves and the associated nomination materials. Each accepted Nominator acknowledges that the nomination will be provided to the public free of charge by ED or its designee starting on the date of the announcement of accepted Bright Spots. Each selected Nominator also agrees to allow ED to use his or her name (and/or organization's name) and other submitted information (i.e., address) in any news report, media release, or documentation issued by ED (or its designee) related to the Bright Spots in Hispanic Education.

Limitation of Liability: By submitting an entry as a Bright Spot, all Nominators agree to, and thereby do, release, discharge, and hold harmless the Government (which includes ED and other Federal partners) and its employees, agents, contractors, and representatives (except in the case of willful misconduct) from any claims, losses, and damages arising out of their participation in the Bright Spot or any Bright Spots-related activities and the acceptance and use, misuse, or possession of any prize awarded hereunder, including claims for injury, death, damage, or loss of property, revenue or profits, whether direct, indirect, or consequential, arising from their participation in the Bright Spots nomination, whether the injury, death, damage or loss arises through negligence, or otherwise. Nominators will not be required to waive claims against the Government that arise from the unauthorized use or disclosure by the agency of the intellectual property, trade secrets, or confidential information of the Nominator. The Nominator shall be liable for, and shall indemnify and hold harmless the Government against, all actions or claims for loss of or damage to property (including any damage that may result from a virus or malware to the Government's computer systems or those of the end-users of the software and/or nominations), resulting from the fault, negligence, or wrongful act or omission of the Nominator.

Privacy Policy: Participation in Bright Spots constitutes the Nominator's consent to the use by ED (and its agents and contractors) of the Nominator's name, likeness, photograph, voice, opinions, and contact information (i.e., email, phone number, and address) for communication purposes on matters regarding the Bright Spot in any media, worldwide, without payment or consideration. Participation as a Nominator also constitutes the Nominator's consent to permit ED and its agents and contractors to share any nomination information of the Bright Spot made by the Nominator. Individually identifiable information provided to ED by submitting a nomination in Bright Spots will be used only to communicate on matters regarding the Nominator's submission or administering or implementing the Bright Spot initiative. Individually identifiable information provided to ED by submitting a nomination will not be used for any purpose that is unrelated to the submission and/or administering or implementing the Bright Spot initiative, unless such a use is required by law.

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please call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at [1-800-877-8339](tel:1-800-877-8339), which can connect you with the initiative.